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**STATE WATER—APPROPRIATION—PREFERENCES—
DOMESTIC AND MUNICIPAL USES**

CHAPTER 1026

H. B. No. 2276

AN ACT

relating to the right of the state to appropriate water.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11.024, Water Code, is amended²¹ to read as follows:

Sec. 11.024. APPROPRIATION: PREFERENCES. In order to conserve and properly utilize state water, the public welfare requires not only recognition of beneficial uses but also a constructive public policy regarding the preferences between these uses, and it is therefore declared to be the public policy of this state that in appropriating state water preference shall be given to the following uses in the order named:

(1) domestic and municipal uses, including water for sustaining human life and the life of domestic animals, it being the public policy of the state and for the benefit of the greatest number of people that in the appropriation of water as herein defined, the appropriation of water for domestic and municipal uses shall be and remain superior to the rights of the state to appropriate the same for all other purposes;

21. V.T.C.A. Water Code, § 11.024.

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(2) industrial uses, meaning processes designed to convert materials of a lower order of value into forms having greater usability and commercial value, including the development of power by means other than hydroelectric;

(3) irrigation;

(4) mining and recovery of minerals;

(5) hydroelectric power;

(6) navigation;

(7) recreation and pleasure; and

(8) other beneficial uses.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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**PROPERTY TAX—COLLECTIONS—ANNUAL REPORT—
DUE DATE**

CHAPTER 1027

H. B. No. 2282

AN ACT

relating to the submission of the tax collector's annual report to the governing body.

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